

CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A siding trim element comprising:

a traversing element with at least two projecting elements projecting outwardly therefrom, said traversing element and said at least two projecting elements forming at least two recesses configured to for receiving receive and retaining retain one or more siding panel elements, each of said at least two projecting elements comprising a flange formed integral with an end of each of said at least two projecting elements,

wherein a portion of each said flange is substantially perpendicular to said traversing element and another portion of said flange is substantially parallel with said traversing element, and

wherein said at least two recesses bias against said one or more panel elements to soundly retain said one or more siding panel elements therein.

2. (Original) The siding trim of claim 1, wherein said at least two projecting elements project from one side of said traversing element.

3. (Withdrawn) The siding trim of claim 1, wherein said at least two projecting elements project from opposing sides of said traversing element.

4. (Original) The siding trim of claim 1, wherein one of said at least two recesses opens in a direction substantially away from said traversing element.

5. (Original) The siding trim of claim 4, wherein another of said at least two recesses opens in a direction substantially parallel with said traversing element.

6. (Original) The siding trim of claim 5, wherein said traversing element forms a rear portion of said one of said at least two recesses and a side portion of another of said at least two recesses.

7. (Original) The siding trim of claim 6, wherein said at least two recesses open at substantially right angles to each other.

8. (Original) The siding trim of claim 1, wherein said at least two recesses open in substantially different planes.

9. (Original) The siding trim of claim 1, wherein said at least two recesses each open in a different direction relative to said traversing element.

10. (Withdrawn) The siding trim of claim 1, wherein said at least two recesses open in substantially the same direction relative to said traversing element.

11. (Withdrawn) A siding trim system comprising:

a first trim element having a traversing element with at least two projecting elements projecting outwardly therefrom, said traversing element and said at least two projecting elements forming at least two recesses for receiving and retaining two or more panel elements;

a second trim element having a traversing element with at least three projecting elements projecting outwardly therefrom, said traversing element and said at least three projecting elements forming at least two recesses for receiving and retaining two or more panel elements; and

a third trim element having a traversing element with at least two projecting elements projecting outwardly therefrom, said traversing element and said at least two projecting elements forming at least two recesses for receiving and retaining one or more panel elements.

12. (Withdrawn) The siding system of claim 11, wherein said first trim element retains said two or more panel elements in substantially perpendicular planes relative to each other.

13. (Withdrawn) The siding system of claim 11, wherein said second trim element retains said two or more panel elements in substantially perpendicular planes relative to each

other.

14. (Withdrawn) The siding system of claim 11, wherein said third trim element retains said one or more panel elements in a plane substantially parallel to said traversing element thereof.

15. (Withdrawn) The siding system of claim 11, wherein said at least two projecting elements of said first trim element project outwardly from the same side of said traversing element thereof.

16. (Withdrawn) The siding system of claim 11, wherein said at least two projecting elements of said second trim element project outwardly from opposing sides of said traversing element thereof.

17. (Withdrawn) The siding system of claim 11, wherein said traversing element of said third trim element has an L-shaped configuration.

18. (Withdrawn) The siding system of claim 11, wherein said at least two recesses of said first trim element bias against said two or more panel elements to soundly retain said panel elements therein.

19. (Withdrawn) The siding system of claim 11, wherein said at least two recesses of second trim element bias against said two or more panel elements to soundly retain said panel elements therein.

20. (Withdrawn) The siding system of claim 11, wherein said at least two recesses of said third trim element bias, against said one or more panel elements to soundly retain said panel elements therein.